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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO
APPOINT A PANEL TO STUDY THE FAMILIES IN NEED OF SERVICES
ARTICLES OF THE NEW MEXICO CHILDREN' S CODE.

WHEREAS, the families in need of services provisions of
the Children's Code were enacted in 1993 as part of a major
revision of the Children's Code to address prevention and early
intervention strategies for children and families; and

WHEREAS, those strategies were to reflect on truancy,
running away and the inability of parents and children to share
a residence; and

WHEREAS, the provisions are based on the premise that
early intervention can assist in preventing a breakdown of the
family unit and help eliminate negative behavior or early
withdrawal from school; and

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1 WHEREAS, it is widely believed by representatives of the
2 children, youth and families department, the department of
3 health and the public education department that these
4 provisions have been ineffective due to lack of funding and
5 executive responsibility and to the difficulty of putting the
6 provisions into practice; and

7 WHEREAS, when the families in need of services program was
8 created, it was recognized that it would cost approximately six
9 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) to fully
10 implement the array of prevention and early intervention
11 services needed for at-risk children and their families through
12 a community-based system; and

13 WHEREAS, a panel of interested persons and affected
14 agencies involved with the families in need of services program
15 should be assembled by the children, youth and families
16 department to review Chapter 32A, Articles 3A, 3B and 4 NMSA
17 1978 and determine the scope of the problems, including the
18 type of prevention and early intervention services needed and
19 the cost to appropriately fund those services;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
22 department be requested to appoint a panel of experts on the
23 families in need of services program to review Chapter 32A,
24 Articles 3A, 3B and 4 NMSA 1978 and to determine what programs
25 currently exist, which agencies are responsible for which

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1 services, existing gaps in those services, additional
2 preventive and early intervention services needed by
3 communities and any other problems related to the families in
4 need of services program; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
6 families department name representatives from the department of
7 health, public education department and administrative office
8 of the courts to participate in the effort as members of the
9 panel; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those agencies provide the
11 statistics needed to accomplish the purposes of this memorial;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
14 families department report its findings to the legislative
15 education study committee, legislative finance committee and
16 corrections oversight and justice committee no later than
17 October 1, 2004; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two copies of the report be
19 filed with the legislative council service library; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families,
22 secretary of health, secretary of public education, director of
23 the administrative office of the courts and New Mexico
24 legislative council.

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